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SUBJECT: MAURER VISIT TO HUNGARY

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1. HUNGARIAN SOURCE HERE SUPPORTS CONCLUSION (REFTEL)
THAT PREMIER MAURER'S VISIT TO HUNGARY FEBRUARY 27-
MARCH 2 WAS LESS THAN ROUSING SUCCESS.

2. ACCORDING TO HUNGARIAN EMBOFF, MAURER'S VISIT WAS
"POLITICAL" IN THAT IT WAS FELT SOME HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN-
HUNGARIAN GESTURE OF AMITY WAS DESIRABLE AFTER TWO-YEAR
HIATUS FOLLOWING KADAR'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST IN FEBRUARY
AND JENO FOCK'S NON-OFFICIAL VACATION VISIT IN AUGUST
1972. EMBOFF SAID FLATLY, HOWEVER, THAT CEAUSESCU VISIT
TO BUDAPEST HAD NOT BEEN CONSIDERED AND THAT NO SUCH VISIT
WILL TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR.

3. HUNGARIAN EMBOFF STATED IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT TO SCRAPE
UP ENOUGH SUBSTANCE FOR MAURER'S VISIT, SINCE NORMAL
BILATERAL CHANNELS AND VISITS HAD PRE-EMPTED MOST CURRENT
BUSINESS. ROUTINE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN MAURER AND
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HUNGARIAN LEADERS ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS WAS BRIEF AND

UNFRUITFUL, ACCORDING TO EMBOFF, IN PART BECAUSE OF MAURER'S REDUCED AND LIMITED AUTHORITY IN FOREIGN RELATIONS FIELD, AN AREA IN WHICH CEAUSESCU IS SOLE AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN. MAURER WAS TAKEN HUNTING BEFORE DEPARTURE MARCH 2, INDICATING CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED HEALTH OVER JANUARY PERIOD, WHEN MAURER WAS ABSENT FROM VIRTUALLY ALL FUNCTIONS INCLUDING HIS MUCH-BELOVED HUNTING TRIPS. VISIT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN JANUARY PERIOD, INCIDENTALLY.

4. SOURCE AGREED WITH SUGGESTION THAT COMMUNIQUE PHRASE UNDERLINING NECESSITY TO DEVELOP "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL" RELATIONS IN "SPIRIT" OF 1972 ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN SUMMIT INDICATED LESS THAN SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN THOSE THREE AREAS. AS EXAMPLE OF FRICTION, SOURCE CITED CULTURAL EXCHANGES, WHERE AFTER HAVING HELD OWN BOOK EXHIBIT IN HUNGARY, GOR INSISTED ON WEEDING OUT SO-CALLED "OBJECTIONABLE" BOOKS FROM RETURN HUNGARIAN EXHIBIT IN BUCHAREST BEFORE OPENING. RATHER THAN SUBMIT TO GOR CENSORSHIP, GOH DECIDED NOT TO HOLD EXHIBIT AT ALL. MATTER WAS RAISED WITH MAURER, WHO CLAIMED HE WAS NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS IT. HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN TRANSYLVANIA WAS NOT DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WHO MAINTAINED HUNGARY WOULD CONTINUE TO SOFTPEDAL TOPIC EXPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ATTENTION TO NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AT CSCE.

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